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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] This is a continuation of ~~co~~pending U.S. ~~[[p]]~~Patent ~~[[a]]~~Application Serial No.  
10/301,984, filed November 22, 2002, ~~and~~ entitled “Improved Laser Stent Cutting~~[[.]]~~,”  
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